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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/601,111	Applicant(s) COOREMAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Ahshik Kim	Art Unit 2876	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10/6/2005 (Response).
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-5 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response

1. Receipt is acknowledged of the amendment filed on October 6, 2005. No claims were
5 canceled, amended or newly added. Currently, claims 1-8 remain for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the
basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

10 A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on
sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamaguchi
15 (US 5,365,047, previously cited, hereinafter “Yamaguchi”).

Yamaguchi teaches a card with a microprocessor 1a, a communication device 7a which
communicates with the external terminal in asynchronous manner; the communication device is
a UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) disposed between the contact p5 and
the CPU, a part of a microprocessor (See abstract; col. 3, lines 6+; col. 5, lines 3+). As shown in
20 figure 3, the transmitted data includes a parity bit, and the UART (col. 5, lines 19+) transmits
resending signal based on parity bit which indicates whether data transmission was successful or
not (col. 9, lines 14+).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: although the prior art discloses a smart card that is operating in asynchronous protocol, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest in combination to disclose all the steps operational process, which includes determining each character from a series of pulse signals, analyzing the characters of the command and supplying a code, etc.

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Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's response filed on October 6, 2005 have been carefully reviewed and considered.

15 Examiner carefully reviewed the microcomputer in the context of the instant application. First, Applicant's argument with respect to CPU or microcomputer are not disclosed in the rejected claims 1 and 6-8. Second, it is the Examiner's view that a microcomputer or microprocessor is another term without clearly accepted definition, which often requires understanding the context in which they are claimed. Some microprocessor contains just CPU, which may or may not include RAM or other memories. Some CPU package include albeit limited amount, RAM and ROM. The cited reference to Koderia (US 5,038,025) discloses a microprocessor 4, which contains a system program 5. In some broader interpretation, memory used by the microprocessor via system bus (upper portion of the main drawing of Yamaguchi

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patent) is considered to be a part of microprocessor. In another design as disclosed in Takahira (US 5,182,442, figure 1), I/O module 14 is drawn to be a “separate entity”, perhaps emphasizing the detail structure of the I/O module when the components are linked together by the system bus or other means. These are cited as references providing background information on related art.

5 It is the Examiner’s view that Yamaguchi discloses, among other things, “A card with a microprocessor and contacts, and a communication device in the form of a hard-wired circuit disposed between the contacts and the microprocessor, and operating” as recited in claim

1. In view of the above, the Examiner has made this Office Action final.

10 ***Conclusion***

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after 15 the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing 20 date of this final action.

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I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Koderia (US 5,036,025); Iijima (US 5,161,231); Takahira (US 5,182,442) disclose an IC card.

II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ahshik Kim whose telephone number is (571)272-2393. The examiner can normally be reached between the hours of 6:00AM to 3:00PM Monday thru Friday. The fax number directly to the Examiner is (571)273-2393.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee, can be reached on (571)272-2398. The fax phone number for this Group is (703)872-9306.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [ahshik.kim@uspto.gov].

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.



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Art Unit 2876
December 14, 2005